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PRESS REPORTS REACHING PARIS TODAY SAID BOKASSA HAS ADMITTED SOME STUDENTS WERE KILLED DURING RIOTS LAST MONTH. BOKASSA WAS QUOTED BY PARIS NEWSPAPERS AS SAYING: +SOME MARXIST STUDENTS TRIED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT ON ORDERS OF A FOREIGN POWER LAST MONTH.+

+I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WERE KILLED. A GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IS GOING TO MAKE A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS MISSING.+

BOKASSA HAS DENIED KILLING 8-YEAR-OLD SCHOOLBOYS AS AMNESTY CHARGED, BUT APPEARED VAGUE ON WHETHER OLDER YOUTHS WERE SLAIN.

BANGUI SAID THE APRIL MASSACRE AS WELL AS A PREVIOUS MASSACRE IN JANUARY WERE RECOUNTED TO HIM BY 17 SEPARATE WITNESSES, INCLUDING ONE SOLDIER.

BANGUI SAID THE SOLDIER TOLD HIM MANY PEOPLE WERE JAMMED INTO TINY CELLS AND WERE ASPHYXIATED. DURING THE NIGHT SOLDIERS REMOVED THE BODIES IN SACKS.

+THE BODIES WERE TAKEN TO A CEMETERY AFTER THE GUARD HAD BEEN CHANGED OFF,+ BANGUI SAID THE SOLDIER TOLD HIM. +WE DUG HOLES AND THREW IN THE CORPSES AND COVERED THEM WITH EARTH.+

+I APPEAL TO WOMEN EVERYWHERE, TO THOSE WHO HAVE CARRIED CHILDREN IN THEIR BODIES FOR NINE MONTHS AND THEN RAISED THEM, TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II, QUEEN MARGARET OF DENMARK, TO QUEEN SOPHIA O. SPAIN, TO MME. GISCARD D=ESTAING, TO MRS. CARTER, TO WRITE TO BANGUI TO SAVE THE CHILDREN WHO ARE STILL THERE,+ BANGUI SAID.

HE SAID HE ALSO WAS APPEALING TO POPE JOHN PAUL II AND TO THE ORGANIZERS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S YEAR AND TO AFRICAN LEADERS ATTENDING THE RWANDA CONFERENCE.

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